

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS20303

This bill modifies the Catastrophic Health Care Program to change coverage from "necessary medical services" to "emergency medical services." Certain definitions are added and deleted consistent with the change. Existing exclusions for services such as bone marrow and organ transplants, experimental and weight loss treatments are continued. Health care insurance and contractual rate adjustments are specifically included as available resources for determination of indigence. Changes also clarify that the Board of County Commissioners has utilization management review authority. Flexibility is provided to the County Commissioners to provide at county cost primary and preventative health care for the purpose of minimizing future medical expenses.

FISCAL NOTE

The estimated savings to the general fund for CAT fund expenditures is \$4 million dollars, but could be more.

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